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Applicant : McGill et al.
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Filed : October 12, 2001
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR PROTECTING THE
PROXIMAL END OF A
MEDICAL DEVICE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.